



Policy Statement

State of Iowa

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Policy Statement supporting deployment of Strategic Tactical Reserve (STR) trailer(s) to any Iowa public safety interoperable communications need whether for land mobile radio (LMR) or national public safety broadband network (NPSBN) system, including trained personnel, for any Iowa Public Safety organization and other affiliated communication users.

WHEREAS: Iowa statewide interoperability communications system board (ISICSB) is established in Code of Iowa sections 80.28 and 80.29. ISICSB is charged to develop, implement and oversee policy, operations, and fiscal components of communications interoperability efforts at the state and local levels, and to coordinate similar efforts at the federal level, with the objective of overseeing operation of statewide integrated public safety systems, and establish, monitor, and maintain appropriate policies and protocols, expand, maintain and fund stakeholder education, public education, and official education programs to demonstrate value of short-term communications interoperability solutions, and;

WHEREAS: ISICSB supports interoperability on interoperable frequencies, and channels to mean cross discipline, and cross agency communications on interoperable equipment including STR, LMR, NPSBN, systems, and;

WHEREAS: ISICSB supports interoperability in all frequency bands and channels for LMR communications systems and equipment including STR providing real-time, interoperability through multiple means, and;

WHEREAS: ISICSB supports open communications for all frequency bands and channels to provide effective and reliable inter-agency and intra-agency radio communications, consistent with current best practices and Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Office of Emergency Communications (OEC) Interoperability Continuum, and STR trailers along with their equipment reserves contributes to interoperable communications, and;

WHEREAS: ISICSB received federal grants under Public Safety Interoperable Communications (PSIC) grant funding for improved interoperable communications and dedicated a portion of PSIC funds to procure and deploy STR trailers across Iowa, and;

WHEREAS: ISICSB received considerable federal technical assistance grants to train a cadre of volunteers to be Communications Leaders (COML), Communications Technicians (COMT), and Audio Gateway operators in support of interoperable communications and deployment of STR trailers across Iowa; Now therefore

IT IS THE ISICSB POLICY:

That the Iowa Statewide Interoperability Communications System Board (ISICSB) hereby documents and publishes policy of support for, deployment of Strategic Tactical Reserve (STR) trailer(s) to any Iowa public safety interoperable communications need whether for land mobile radio (LMR) or national public safety broadband network (NPSBN) system and those deployed in support of STR for any Iowa Public Safety organization and other affiliated communication users.

IT IS FURTHER POLICY THAT:

ISICSB shall develop a series of protocols in support of this policy directing the appropriate level of personnel training and/or support, readiness, and preparedness of all equipment for deployment of STR trailers and/or equipment in achievement of interoperable communications across Iowa.